

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

for
10/14/07

- a) Claim ²⁷~~3~~, line 4, delete [;] and replace with [.]
- b) Claim 28, line 3, delete [;] and replace with [.]

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a toothbrush having the combination of structural elements defined in claims 18, 24 and 31. Regarding claim 18, specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a handle member having an open cavity with an interior surface upon which a leaf spring engages to provide a biasing resistance, in combination with the other structural elements.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."